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SUBJ: NPG MEMBERSHIP

1. WE HAVE NOT HAD RECENT OCCASION TO DISCUSS NPG SPECIFICALLY
WITH DUTCH. IT IS OUR ESTMATE THAT FOLLOWING FACTORS
WOULD PLAY A ROLE IN THE FORMULATION OF DUTCH POSITION WITH
RESPECT TO POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR ENLARGEMENT OF NPG:
(A) FOR THE DUTCH, THE NPG HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. IT
HAS BEEN AND REMAINS A PRIME ENTRY TICKET TO ACTIVE PARGICIPATION
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IN SECURITY PLANNING WIDELY REGARDED HERE AS OF KEY IMPORTANCE.
THE GON CONSEQUENTLY HAS STAFFED DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO NPG WITH
FIRST CLASS DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY TALENT. SUCCESSIVE MINISTERS
OF DEFENSE HAVE ALL CLEARLY BEEN IMPRESSED AND PROFITED FROM
THEIR DIRECT PATICIPATION AT TIMES WHEN DUTCH WERE ON NPG.
(B) ONE OF THE REASONS WHY NPG IS REGARDED AS SO SUCCESSFUL
IS ITS TIGHT-KNIT CHARACTER AND PROCEDURES WHICH CLEARLY SET IT

OFF FROM LARGER NATO FORA SUCH AS DPC. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE CONCERN HERE THAT NAY MOVE TO ENLARGE NPG WOULD IRREPARABLY HARM COMPOSITION AND WORK METHODS WHICH HAVE BEEN KEY ELEMENT OF NPG'S SUCCESS.

(C) DUTCH HAVE CLEARLY ENJOYED THEIR PERIODS ON NPG MORE THAN THEIR TIMES OFF. THOUGH THEY HAVE MADE EFFORTS--WE BELIEVE MOSTLY IN COOPERATION WITH BELGIANS--TO STAY UP TO SPEED EVEN WHEN IT WAS NOT THEIR TURN, THE HIGH POINT CLEARLY HAS BEEN THOSE TIMES WHEN THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. A NEW ARRANGEMENT, UNDER WHICH DUTCH WOULD BE MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES, WOULD THEREFORE HOLD SOME ATTRACTION.

(D) OFFICIAL THINKING HERE HAS ALWAYS PUT EMPHASIS ON LINK BETWEEN NUCLEAR PLANNING AND MBFR DISCUSSIONS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, DUTCH WERE EARLY SUPPORTERS OF OPTION III AT VIENNA. LOGICAL COROLLARY OF THIS POSITION IS THAT GON POLICY MAKERS ARE LIKELY TO WELCOME NATO FORUM IN WHICH NUCLEAR PLANNING CAN BE RELATED TO CONVENTIONAL PLANNING. THIS POINT WILL WEIGH HEAVILY WITH ANY DUTCH GOVERNMENT.

2. ON BALANCE, DUTCH WOULD PROBABLY BE ON SIDE OF THOSE OTHER SMALLER ROTATING NPG COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE FAVORABLY INCLINED TO SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE THEIR NPG MEMBERSHIP PERMANENT, PROVIDED WAYS CAN BE FOUND IN WHICH THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF NPG CAN BE MAINTAINED. DUTCH ARE LIKELY TO BE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF NPG MANDATE TO COVER CONVENTIONAL PLANNING ALSO.

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